

REMARKS

This submission is in response to the Office Action dated May 21, 2008.

Claims 1, 4, 7, and 13 have been amended. Support for the amendments is found in the specification, drawings, and claims as originally filed. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added.

Claims 1 – 19 are Allowable

Claims 1 - 19, were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as being anticipated by Woodson et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0062376) (hereinafter “Woodson”).

The cited portions of Woodson fail to disclose or suggest the specific combination of claim 1. For example, the cited portions of Woodson fail to disclose or suggest a destination voice mailbox selected from a plurality of voice mailboxes associated with a user, as in claim 1.

Woodson is directed to a system for determining whether a call has already been forwarded from a forward-to number and if so, instructing a switching point so as not to forward the call to the forward-to number. See Woodson, Abstract. Woodson discloses instructing a switch B to send a call to an alternate destination such as a voice mailbox associated with station B. The cited portions of Woodson disclose only that upon an instruction to switch B to not forward the call to switch A, a message may instruct switch B to send the call to a voice mailbox associated with station B. See Woodson, paragraph 52. The cited portions of Woodson fail to disclose or suggest that the destination voice mailbox is selected from a plurality of voice mailboxes associated with a user, as in claim 1. Therefore, claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 2 and 3 depend from claim 1, which Applicants have shown to be allowable. Hence, the cited portions of Woodson fail to disclose at least one feature of each of claims 2 and 3. Accordingly, claims 2 and 3 are also allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence from claim 1.

The cited portions of Woodson fail to disclose or suggest the specific combination of claim 4. For example, the cited portions of Woodson fail to disclose or suggest that the destination voicemail account is one of a plurality of voicemail accounts associated with a user, as in claim 4.

As discussed above the cited portions of Woodson disclose that station B has an associated voice mailbox. See Woodson, paragraph 52. The cited portions of Woodson fail to disclose a plurality of voicemail accounts associated with a user, as in claim 4. Therefore, claim 4 is allowable.

Claims 5 and 6 depend from claim 4, which Applicants have shown to be allowable. Hence, the cited portions of Woodson fail to disclose at least one feature of each of claims 5 and 6. Accordingly, claims 5 and 6 are also allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence from claim 4.

The cited portions of Woodson fail to disclose or suggest the specific combination of claim 7. For example, the cited portions of Woodson fail to disclose or suggest a response message including a field to identify a number associated with a voicemail account, wherein the voicemail account is one of a plurality of voicemail accounts associated with a user, as in claim 7.

As discussed above, the cited portions of Woodson disclose that station B has an associated voice mailbox. See Woodson, paragraph 52. The cited portions of Woodson fail to disclose a plurality of voicemail accounts associated with a user, as in claim 7. Therefore, claim 7 is allowable.

Claims 8 - 19 depend from claim 7, which Applicants have shown to be allowable. Accordingly, claims 8 – 19 are also allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence from claim 7.

Further, the dependent claims recite elements that are not disclosed or suggested by the cited portions of Woodson. For example, the cited portions of Woodson fail to disclose or

suggest that the first redirecting number entry is associated with a work phone and wherein the first voice mailbox is a designated work voicemail account, as in claim 15. The cited portions of Woodson fail to disclose or suggest a voice mailbox designated as a work voicemail account. The cited portions of Woodson disclose that a station (e.g., station B) has an associated voice mailbox. See Woodson, paragraph 52. For this additional reason, claim 15 is allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has pointed out specific features of the claims not disclosed, suggested, or rendered obvious by the references as applied in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the objections and rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of each of the pending claims.

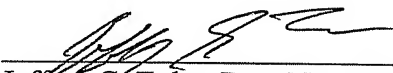
Any changes to the claims in this amendment, which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below if such a call would in any way facilitate allowance of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2469.

Respectfully submitted,

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